

LEE COUNTY
BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN MEETING MINUTES
November 15, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dave Wheaton, Chair, At Large
Jane Bowser, Secretary, At Large
Theodore Connor, District 2
Paul Cohen, Affordable Housing Representative, At Large
Steve Jansen, Walkable Community, At Large
Paul Benvie, At Large
Damon Shelor, District 5

MEMBERS ABSENT

Eric Spivey, Vice Chair, Bike Industry Representative, at Large
Jessica Marcolini, District 3

STAFF

David Wagley, LC DCD
Tracy Toussaint, LC DCD
Jillian Scholler, Lee DOT
Keith Gomez, County Lands
Clarissa Diaz, Lee Tran
Betsy Clayton, Lee County Communications Director

GUESTS

Derek Felder
Ashley Gonzalez

Agenda Item #1, *Call to Order, Introductions and Review of Agenda:

Mr. David Wheaton, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. in the Community Development/Public Works building, 1500 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, First Floor Conference Room 1B. Introductions were made.

Mr. Wheaton asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

Mr. Cohen made the motion to approve the agenda as written, seconded by Mr. Paul Benvie. The motion was called and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #2: *Approval of the October 18, 2023, meeting minutes.

Mr. Wheaton called for a review of the October minutes.

Mr. Paul Cohen made a motion to approve the October minutes as written and it was seconded by Mr. Stephen Jansen. The motion was called and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #3, Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

Agenda Item #4: Bike-Ped Facility Requests/Presentations:

(a): Sidewalk Request – Williams Ave from 615 Williams Ave to W 12th St (Derek Felder & Ashley Gonzalez)

Mr. Felder and Ms. Gonzalez presented a power point presentation for their request.

Mr. Wheaton stated the committee would take the info into consideration and this topic would be discussed at the next meeting.

Mr. Wagley asked who was making the request?

Ms. Gonzalez stated she was making the request as a citizen.

(b): *Sidewalk Request – Constitution Cir from Cypress Point Rd to San Carlos Golf Club

Mr. Wheaton stated that this item was discussed at the last meeting on October 18,2023.

Mr. Connor made a motion to add this project to the BPAC List and it was seconded by Ms. Bowser.

Mr. Wheaton asked for a vote on adding the item to the list.

Mr. Connor, In Favor Only. Motion did not pass.

Mr. Connor made a motion to reevaluate the criteria of the BPAC Committee adding items to list. Mr. Connor retracted his motion.

Mr. Cohen asked to table (parking lot) the request to the agenda for the next meeting to reevaluate the criteria of the BPAC Committee adding items to list.

Agenda Item #5(a): MPO Update

Ron Gogoi was not in attendance.

Agenda Item #5(b): *BPAC Letter of Support for SUN Trail Grant application, Littleton Rd. from US 41 to Business 41

Mr. Wheaton presented the draft letter.

Mr. Jansen Made a motion to accept the letter and it was seconded by Paul Cohen. The motion was called and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #6: Member Comments:

Member comments ranged from widths of vehicular & bicycle lanes to utility easements, to the purchasing of railroad right of way.

Agenda Item #7: Staff Comments

No comments

Agenda Item #8: Other Government Entity Comments

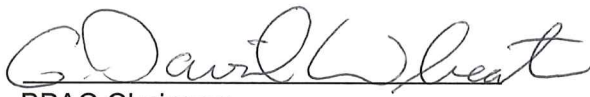
No Comments

Agenda Item #9: Upcoming meeting items

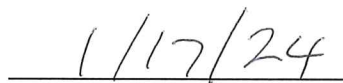
*Next Meeting date - Wednesday, January 17, 2024.

Adjournment

Mr. Wheaton adjourned the meeting at 4:02 p.m.



BPAC Chairman



Date



BPAC Secretary or Vice-Chair



Date